

To EPA

As a seed conditioner I would like to urge the EPA to expedite the approval of Storicide II. We are proceeding with the phase out of Reldan from our seed conditioning but we need to have Storicide II available on a seamless basis. We simply cannot condition seed without a viable grain insecticide. The "bugs" will eat it and make it non-usable for seed purposes before it can be planted. Without seed there are no crops. Without crops there isn't any food or animal feed. I'm not suggesting the fate of the civilized world hangs in the balance but the "bugs" do not care what anyone's schedule is; they will eat the seed if it isn't protected.

With all of the threats from various sources to our economy we don't need to add the disruption and cost of "bugs" eating seedstocks and disrupting production agriculture.

Please give this matter the attention it deserves and expedite the approval of Storicide II. Failing that extend the registration of Reldan 4E for another year. I will reiterate-the insects that damage the seed will be there and do what they do best whether or not we're ready, we need your help to be ready.

Thank you,  
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